

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

JOHN RONALD BIRD,

Petitioner,

VS.

RICK THALER, *et al*,

Respondents.

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CIVIL ACTION NO. C-09-277

**ORDER ADOPTING MEMORANDUM AND**  
**RECOMMENDATION TO GRANT**  
**RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS**

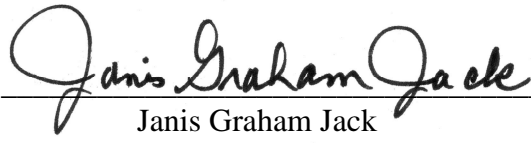
On February 12, 2010, United States Magistrate Judge Brian L. Owsley signed a Memorandum and Recommendation recommending that respondent's motion to dismiss (D.E. 13) be granted, the petition (D.E. 1) be dismissed, and that a certificate of appealability be denied. On February 22, 2010, petitioner filed Objections to the Magistrate's Recommendations.

Having reviewed the findings of fact and conclusions of law therein, as well as the pleadings on file and petitioner's objections, and having made a *de novo* disposition of those portions of the Magistrate Judge's recommended disposition to which objections were raised, *see Koetting v. Thompson*, 995 F.2d 37 (5th Cir. 1993), 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C); Fed.R.Civ.P.72(b), the Court hereby adopts as its own the findings and conclusions of the Magistrate Judge.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that respondent's motion for summary judgment is granted and petitioner's petition is dismissed. Certificate of appealability is denied.

The clerk shall enter this order and provide a copy to all parties.

SIGNED and ORDERED this 8th day of March, 2010.

  
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Janis Graham Jack  
United States District Judge